

Friday, November 21, 2014

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy (OT) Practice (Board)

Location: Spring Grove Hospital Center
55 Wade Avenue – Bland Bryant Building, 4th Floor
Conference Room

Chairperson: Kamala Stevenson, MS, OTR/L

9:00 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS

Kamala Stevenson, MS, OTR/L, Chairperson
Vanessa Hughes, COTA/L
A. Cassaundra Brown, Consumer Member
Meenakshi Gupta, Consumer Member

NON BOARD MEMBERS

Donna Ashman, Executive Director
Grant Gerber, Board Counsel
Marilyn Pinkney, Licensing Coordinator

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Iyna Adams, OTR/L, CPAM, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Kshepakaran, M.Ed., OTR/L, CAPS, FAOTA

GUESTS

Kristen Neville, Legislative Coordinator
Robyn Elliott, MOTA
Francine Miles, MOTA
Jodi Kaseff, President, MOTA

1. Ms. Stevenson called the General Session Meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

Ms. Stevenson read the following statement: Except in instances when the Board of Occupational Therapy expressly invites public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of public participation in otherwise authorized by law, no member of the public meeting an open session may participate in the session.

2. Ms. Hughes motioned to approve the October 17, 2014 minutes. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Ms. Brown cited an error in that she was listed as present during the October Board meeting, when in fact, she was absent. Ms. Gupta seconded the motion of the amended minutes. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

3. Ms. Hughes motioned to approve the September 20, 2014 minutes. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
4. Ms. Hughes motioned to approve the August 15, 2014 minutes. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
5. Ms. Stevenson motioned to approve the amended General Session Agenda – November 21, 2014. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

REPORTS

- 1a. Mr. Gerber and Ms. Ashman are continually working on the Record Retention Policy. Ms. Ashman stated that the need to revise the policy was based on an initiative to digitize original disciplinary-related documents and subsequently destroy hard copies. While current priorities have impeded the progress of this initiative, Ms. Ashman suggested maintaining this item on the agenda until completion.
- 1b. Mr. Gerber reported that the Attorney General's Office approved the Sole Source Expert Witness Contract submitted by the Board.
2. The Board reviewed correspondence submitted by the Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA). The Board had discussion and invited MOTA representatives present at the General Session meeting to elaborate. Ms. Stevenson informed the guests present that the Board plans to allow licensees to have an option to choose annual renewal or biennial renewal in 2015. The outcome of the 2015 "test" will determine if the Board moves forward with changing the renewal cycle from annual to biennial.
3. On behalf of the continuing education committee, Ms. Hughes stated that the continuing education submissions are being reviewed business as usual.
4. Ms. Ashman forwarded correspondence #1 regarding kinesiotaping to The Board for discussion. Ms. Ashman was directed to forward a response to the inquiry.
- 4a. Ms. Ashman forwarded correspondence #2 regarding a COTA using FIMS to The Board for discussion. Ms. Ashman was directed to forward a response to the inquiry.
- 4b. Ms. Ashman reported that the vacancy for the Board investigator is still open. Ms. Ashman intends to pursue other health occupation boards with the hope of sharing an experienced investigator.
- 4c. Ms. Ashman reported that the Department had been soliciting applications for the current vacancy for an occupational therapist to serve on the Board. Ms. Ashman informed the Board that the initial deadline had past and no applicants came forward. She stated that she had distributed an eblast and was hopeful that licensees would apply.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1a. The Board had discussion on the current Telehealth Position Statement. Mr. Gerber recommended removing the current position statement from the Board's website, which was based on the AOTA Telehealth Position and replacing it with the Board's current position statement once finalized. The Board's telehealth committee will continue to work on a draft position statement/regulatory proposal.
- 1b. The Board agreed to defer the agenda item –“Dry Needling” to the next scheduled board meeting. The Physical Therapy Board has proposed regulations, which the Board members would like to review.
- 1c. The Board reviewed regulation Chapters: 10.46.01; 10.46.04; and 10.46.06. Ms. Gupta motioned to approve the regulatory proposal as amended. Ms. Hughes seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
2. Ms. Hughes and other Board members summarized the NBCOT Annual Conference held on October 24 – 25, 2014 in Alexandria, Virginia. Ms. Stevenson was a speaker at this conference.
- 2a. Ms. Ashman reported that she had written an article for NBCOT that will be published in their annual newsletter.
3. Ms. Gupta summarized the Citizen Advocacy Center Annual Meeting held on October 23 – 24, 2014 in Baltimore, Maryland. Ms. Brown also summarized the meeting. The Board will consider all members attending the conference next year.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ms. Stevenson ratified the September 22 – October 31, 2014 of 40 occupational therapists and 27 occupational therapy assistant applicants for a total of 67 therapists for licensure and November 1 – November 20, 2014 of 16 occupational therapists and 5 occupational therapy assistants for a total of 21 therapists for licensure for a grand total of 88 applicants for licensure. Ms. Brown moved to accept the 88 applicants approved today. Ms. Hughes seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
November 1 – 20, 2014

Christopher Bollinger	Occupational Therapist
Randall Watkins, Sr. – Reinstatement	Occupational Therapist
Rhoel Jude Toledo	Occupational Therapist
Taryn Nace	Occupational Therapist
Jennifer Anne Danar	Occupational Therapist
Gretchen Scheibel – Reinstatement	Occupational Therapist

Eric Stockhoff	Occupational Therapist
Mary Anne Geneblazo	Occupational Therapist
Jennifer Wineberg	Occupational Therapist
Genevieve Engleman	Occupational Therapist
Eric Rawlings	Occupational Therapist
Diana Jebaraj	Occupational Therapist
Kendra Heatwole Shank	Occupational Therapist
Brianna Jones	Occupational Therapist
Kara Solesky	Occupational Therapist
Allison Salvo	Occupational Therapist
William Parker (Reinstatement)	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Kathy Keener	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Breyanna Hall	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Linda Wanaba	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Sarah Haines	Occupational Therapy Assistant

September 22 – October 31, 2014

Rachel Mutheru	Occupational Therapist
Brittany Baughman	Occupational Therapist
Laren Whitesell	Occupational Therapist
Chelsea Whitaker	Occupational Therapist
Rachel Hains	Occupational Therapist
Sarah Kim	Occupational Therapist
Priyesh Lenekar	Occupational Therapist
Benedicta Dwamena	Occupational Therapist
Madeline Jackson	Occupational Therapist
Tonika Johnson	Occupational Therapist
Alexandra Wilcox	Occupational Therapist

Jessica Lieuwen	Occupational Therapist
Amanda Costa	Occupational Therapist
Jamie Arambulo	Occupational Therapist
Kelsey Barron	Occupational Therapist
Candace Harris	Occupational Therapist
Laura Hoopengardner	Occupational Therapist
Jamie-Leah Reilly	Occupational Therapist
Theresa Rice	Occupational Therapist
Erica Wright	Occupational Therapist
Rebecca Olack	Occupational Therapist
Emily Takeno	Occupational Therapist
Mabel Nana Asarewa Barnes	Occupational Therapist
Taylor Wyar	Occupational Therapist
Heather Donovan	Occupational Therapist
Pooja Kohli	Occupational Therapist
Rajat Kohli	Occupational Therapist
Roxanne Arneaud	Occupational Therapist
SiSi Stewart	Occupational Therapist
Alyssa Faigle	Occupational Therapist
Stacy Merenstein – Reinstatement	Occupational Therapist
Catherine Syretz	Occupational Therapist
Jane Greenberg	Occupational Therapist
Jacqueline Carroll	Occupational Therapist
Deepali Gandhi	Occupational Therapist
Kaitlin Kingsbury	Occupational Therapist
LaVelle Blackwell, Jr.	Occupational Therapist
Ayana Romain	Occupational Therapist

Grace Wallace	Occupational Therapist
Marianne DeCastro	Occupational Therapist
Virginia Gashchler	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Taffi Williams	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Krystal Durst	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Danielle Bagan	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Norika Haslam	Occupational Therapy Assistant
NyandaKobba	Occupational Therapy Assistant
AleezaGoldrosen	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Joshua Koiner	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Jennifer Mitchell	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Mandy Badi	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Scott Tiemann	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Thomas Thingelstad	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Chelsea Scholler	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Melissa Matthew	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Stacey Dinkowitz-Beyer	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Joanna Frank	Occupational Therapy Assistant
April Devereaux	Occupational Therapy Assistant
James Schnably	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Beatrice Johnson-Jones	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Stefani Perez	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Ashley Montgomery	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Keri Lindemann	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Emily Eaton	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Molly Campbell	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Ruth Deneen	Occupational Therapy Assistant

Morghan Snyder	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Laurel Finlayson – Reinstatement	Occupational Therapy Assistant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. Ashman inquired how the Board wanted to handle the December Board meeting and whether a holiday luncheon should be planned. It was agreed that the Board would have a holiday luncheon at the conclusion of the Board meeting.
2. Ms. Ashman reported that until Wi-Fi, is available in the conference room area, the office would continue to provide paper copies of documents necessary to conduct the Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to the Maryland Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(13), Annotated Code of Maryland, Ms. Stevenson adjourned the General Session meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Submitted by:

Marilyn Pinkney

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Licensing Coordinator